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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS IN
WTO AGRICULTURE NEGOTIATIONS

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(U) Econoff delivered reftel demarche on October 20 to Alison Stone, Acting Senior Director of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Stone told Econoff that the GOJ would "almost certainly agree that there is no place for geographical indications in Agriculture Committee negotiations," and that the TRIPS Council is the appropriate forum for further discussion of this issue. Stone was aware that the EU may use the debate as a bargaining chip in discussions on agriculture. Coincidentally, Stone was to meet later that day with Ambassador Ransford Smith, the GOJ Permanent Representative in Geneva, and stated that she would deliver our position and talking points both to Ambassador Smith and to the GOJ Mission in Geneva by fax.
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